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**PROCEDURE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
COMMUNITY PASTURES
AND
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION THEREOF**

PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHING

1. The Provincial Governments assume the responsibility for the selection of areas of submarginal lands for use as Community Pastures and make recommendations duly supported by maps and local statistics to the Minister of Agriculture for the Government of Canada.

2. The Government of Canada, if the representation seems satisfactory, shall proceed to make surveys of such areas as to:

(a) Farms affected in the proposed pastures; farms benefited in the surrounding area; and full information as to ownership and occupants.

(b) Livestock—numbers, kind and quality.

(c) Grass and water supply.

(d) Livestock carrying capacity—actual and potential.

(e) Estimate as to rehabilitation costs for water development, regrassing, fencing, removal of buildings and other construction.

(f) Necessary steps to acquire full control of land.

(g) A statement as to the need and the usefulness of the proposed pasture.

3. Should the Government of Canada, having received the above survey, determine to proceed with the project, it shall so advise the Province concerned.

4. The Provincial Governments shall then assist the Government of Canada in getting control of all lands involved in this Community Pasture, as set out in the Agreements between the Government of Canada and the Provinces.

5. The Government of Canada shall then proceed with the construction of all necessary works toward the establishment of Community Pastures, including fencing, corrals, water development, regrassing, and other necessary facilities.

6. A thorough survey will be made by the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration and shall form the basis of the carrying capacity of the Pasture.

7. When Community Pasture construction is completed and the pasture is ready for operation, a public community pasture meeting shall be called for the purpose of organizing a Community Pasture Grazing Association.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF P.F.R.A. COMMUNITY PASTURES

1. Objective of the Community Pasture Program

(a) The main objective of P.F.R.A. Community Pastures is the rehabilitation of submarginal lands in order to increase the production of livestock and facilitate improved land use.

(b) A further objective is the rehabilitation and stabilization of farm units in surrounding areas at reasonable levels of employment and income.

2. Organization and Operation of P.F.R.A. Pasture Program

(a) The Community Pasture Branch will be responsible for the administration and management of all pastures. P.F.R.A. will establish the annual carrying capacity of each pasture on the basis of sound range management principles. A resident pasture manager will be responsible for management and operation of each pasture. The Community Pastures branch will supply all bulls for breeding service.

(b) A grazing association will be formed by patrons. Membership in the association and voting privileges shall be restricted to those who have utilized the pasture and paid their pasture fees during the current or the preceding year.

(c) A meeting of the association will be held every two years.

(d) A local Advisory Committee shall be elected to advise the pasture manager with regard to features of local management and operation of the pasture.

(e) The Advisory Committee shall be comprised of six members, three of which are elected at each regular meeting of the association. No member shall hold office for more than two consecutive terms.

(f) The Advisory Committee shall elect one of their members as Chairman of the Committee.

(g) The Community Pasture Manager shall be an ex-officio member of the committee and shall act as Secretary for the Advisory Committee.

(h) The committee shall hold at least two official meetings each year. The first meeting shall be during the late fall to approve allocation of pasture privileges for the following year. The second meet-

ing shall be held during the summer grazing season for the purpose of reviewing current pasture activities and discussing the future changes and improvements.

(i) The committee members shall be paid a per diem allowance of \$10.00 per official meeting to cover out-of-pocket expense for attending same. The committee may hold other meetings if desired, but the per diem allowance applies only to the two designated meetings.

(j) The grazing association at its first meeting shall pass resolutions pertaining to: breed of bulls; establishment of a game preserve; procurement of livestock insurance, and practices pertaining to insect and disease control.

(k) A representative of P.F.R.A. will outline to the meeting the place of Community Pastures in the rehabilitation program and give full details in connection with utilization and operation of pastures.

(l) The regular meetings of the Community Pasture Grazing Association shall be held every two years during the month of June. The place, time and date shall be arranged by the P.F.R.A. Administration. Notice of such meetings shall be posted in local Post Offices and other conspicuous places at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

(m) Agenda for the regular meetings shall include:

- (i) Meeting called to order by Chairman of the Advisory Committee.
- (ii) Reading and adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- (iii) Report by Chairman of the Advisory Committee.
- (iv) Report by a representative of P.F.R.A. Community Pasture Branch on matters pertaining to the Community Pasture program.
- (v) Election of Advisory Committee members for ensuing term.
- (vi) New business and other speakers.
- (vii) Adjournment.

3. Allocation of Pasture Privileges

(a) The Community Pasture Branch will be responsible for the allocation of pasture privileges. These will be determined on the basis of individual needs and will be related to and limited by the pasture carrying capacity.

- (i) Preference will be given to bona fide farmers who need additional grazing to supplement and maintain a satisfactory level of farm employment and income.
- (ii) Priority of grazing privileges will be granted according to proximity to the community pasture and to past patronage.
- (iii) Breeding stock will receive preference over dry stock.
- (iv) Allocation of grazing privileges will be related to and limited by patronage in the other Community Pastures and Crown grazing leases.

(b) A bona fide farmer shall mean a person whose principal occupation is farming as determined by the source of his major income, control of his time and how he is generally identified and regarded by the people in his own district.

(c) Productive man-work units will be used as the basis of establishing eligibility and allotments of pasture patrons.

(d) All applications for pasture privileges shall be made on the P.F.R.A. application form. All applications must be received not later than November 15th of each year.

(e) Approval of each grazing allotment shall be made at the fall meeting of the Advisory Committee.

(f) Grazing permits will be issued in accordance with the approved allotments.

(g) Upon receipt of permit, each patron will be required to remit the sum of \$2.00 per head for cattle and horses to validate such permit. This remittance must be received prior to March 1st of each year and will be applied to the patron's grazing fee. Non-delivery of livestock will mean forfeiture of this \$2.00 fee.

4. Conditions Governing the Acceptance of Livestock

(a) The pasture patron relieves and discharges Her Majesty the Queen of and from all claims and demands of any nature whatsoever arising from the injury to or loss of livestock placed in the Community Pasture. In case of loss of any animal, no pasture fees will be charged for that animal. It shall be the

responsibility of the pasture manager to refuse to accept for pasturage any animal or animals whose condition shall be considered as detrimental to the health of the other animals in the pasture. The pasture manager may also refuse to accept weak or emaciated animals which are unlikely to survive. All livestock entering the pasture must comply with local by-laws concerning health of animals regulations.

(b) All livestock placed in the pasture not carrying the recorded brand of the patron shall be branded with one of the brands registered in the name of the Government of Canada and ear-tagged for identification purposes upon entry to the pasture.

(c) All cattle brought to the pasture and considered by the pasture manager not immune to blackleg will be vaccinated with blackleg vaccine at the expense of the owner.

(d) The pasture manager will dehorn animals in accordance with the recommendation covering this matter passed at the organization meeting or subsequent meetings. Dehorning, castrating and vaccinating will be done only at the patron's risk. No charge will be made for such service if the patron renders all assistance required.

(e) For management operations, such as roundup, branding, castrating, vaccinating, insect control, and breeding pasture program, etc., all such plans will be decided by the pasture manager in consultation with the pasture Advisory Committee.

(f) All fees on mature cattle and horses will be computed on a daily basis beginning on recorded date of entry. Fees and service charges on all other classes of livestock together with minimum charges will be in accordance with the current Rate Schedule. The patron may be allowed seven (7) days grace (free of charge) when taking delivery of any animal, if by force of circumstances the pasture manager is unable to make delivery of the animals in question according to previous arrangements.

(g) The breeding fees will be charged on all cows placed in the breeding fields.

(h) The patron will be advised of fall roundup dates. Where no roundup dates are set, patrons must give the pasture manager seven (7) days notice when wishing to take delivery of their stock.

This will be a matter of mutual arrangement between the patron and the pasture manager, depending upon pasture operations at that time.

No livestock will be accepted prior to May 1 and the final fall roundup will take place not later than October 31 of each year. The patron or his representative must be present to pay fees and take delivery of livestock. Livestock will be held until fees are paid and any livestock not taken out or otherwise arranged for at the fall roundup will be held and if not redeemed will be disposed of according to law. The pasture manager is held directly responsible for the collection of all fees before stock is taken from the pasture.

5. Pasture Fees

The community pasture branch will be responsible for establishing all pasture fees.

The grazing fees will be computed on a per diem basis to cover annual operation costs, and an allowance for depreciation. Such fees will also be computed to cover a grant in lieu of taxes. Other services such as breeding, dehorning, castration, spraying and vaccinations, etc., will be charged on the basis of actual cost.

Any change or modification of the aforesaid conditions, rules or regulations requires the approval of the Minister of Agriculture for the Government of Canada.

